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*In re* Application of  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION  
OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
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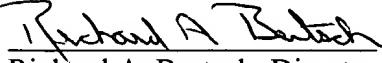
**DECISION GRANTING  
PETITION  
37 CFR 1.181**

This application is before the Director of Technology Center 3700 for reconsideration of the Notice of Abandonment mailed November 13, 2003 for failure to timely pay the issue fee as required by Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due mailed May 20, 2003. A petition filed January 13, 2004 was dismissed on March 2, 2004. A renewed petition was filed March 19, 2004. The renewed petition is considered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 based on non-receipt of the office action. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition is granted.

In support of the request, petitioner has provided a showing of non-receipt of the Office action in accordance with MPEP 711.03(c)IA.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed November 13, 2004 is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff to return the application to an active status and to remail the Notice of Allowance and the Notice of Allowability. The statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office communication will be restarted to run from the mail date of the newly supplied office action.

  
Richard A. Bertsch, Director  
Technology Center 3700